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Boat Christening and Open House

WHO: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its partners

WHAT: *M/V Spencer F. Baird* Christening Ceremony and Open House

WHEN: Thursday, September 7, 2006

10:30 a.m. Christening

Noon – 4 p.m. Open House (Public Welcome)

WHERE: Great Lakes Maritime Academy pier

Traverse City, Michigan

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/baird>

The *M/V Spencer F. Baird* is the long-awaited, one-of-a-kind workhorse for Great Lakes fisheries conservation. Its main goal is to help establish self-sustaining populations of native lake trout, nearly wiped out in the late 1950s due to invasion of sea lampreys, over fishing and pollution.

The Baird will support the ongoing fisheries conservation work by the Service and our valuable Great Lakes partners in native fish restoration, habitat restoration, and sea lamprey and invasive species control.

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